TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3740 - HB 3812

March 2, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to order a local education agency (LEA) to close a virtual school if the DOE determines that the school, establisher, operator, or manager has failed to demonstrate increases in student achievement according to the goals of the virtual school's authorizing contract and state academic standards; has failed to demonstrate academic, fiscal or operational accountability, and viability of the school; has committed a material violation of any conditions, standards, or procedures under Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-16-213 or of State Board of Education rules and regulations; has failed to meet or make adequate yearly progress for two consecutive years; or has failed to comply with Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-3-316 in accounting for funds received and expended on behalf of the virtual school.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The number of virtual schools that will close in future years and the number of students attending those schools is not known
- According to the DOE, if a virtual school were to close, local funding for the virtual school will be shifted from the virtual school in order for those same students to attend class in another educational setting.
- No impact on the BEP or other state education funding.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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